

1/13/17 Region 5 NEPA Weekly Internal Highlights Report

Hot Issues: None

Second Tier Issues:

NorthMet Copper and Nickel Mine, MN (Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources):

- The US Forest Service signed its land exchange Record of Decision on 1/9/17.
- USFS will trade 6,650 acres of its land to PolyMet Corporation for 6,690 acres of comparable land. PolyMet already controls the subsurface mineral rights of the lands it is acquiring.
- USFS has determined that the lands it is obtaining have equal value and can be managed consistently with the long-term forest plan for the Superior National Forest.

Matrix Highlights (EIS Comments Sent):

Matrix Highlights (New EISs Received): None

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